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- (X) Enclosed is a Response to Election/Restriction Requirement.
- (X) Copy of Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority.
- (X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

Amendment Dated: December 29, 2006

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(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 30, 2006 in the above-identified application. The Examiner has required restriction on the basis of 35 U.S.C.121 and 372. However, the Examiner has invoked a lack of unity invention under PCT Rule 13.1 and 37 C.F.R. 1.499.

The Examiner has determined that there are two groups of claims: Group I, claims 41-57 drawn to an article and Group II, claims 58-60 drawn to a method of manufacturing an article. Applicants elect Group I, claims 41-57 WITH TRAVERSE. This